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1. The Bayrische Motorenwerke plant in Eisenach employs some 5,000 persons. Average monthly production in the last quarter of 1947 was:

200 passenger cars (BMW 2 liter piston displacement)
150 motorcycles (1 cylinder, 500 cc)

2. About two-thirds of the passenger car production has been exported to Denmark and the Netherlands by Derutra. Shipment has been made by truck-trailer convoys carrying twenty cars per convoy. Payment has been made by the Dutch and Danish agencies involved directly to the Garantie & Kredit Bank, Berlin.
3. Production plans for 1948 provide that 3,400 passenger cars and 3,000 motorcycles are to be produced. The motorcycles are intended primarily for the Soviet Army. Plant directors anticipate difficulties in meeting this program because of shortages of material and breakdown of machinery. Greatest bottlenecks are gears, formerly obtained from Friedrichshafen, and pistons, formerly obtained from Stuttgart.

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